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&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

CHO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from this Date be Carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & Co., Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner therein.

C. F. GROSSMANN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. BERNHARD SCHMACKER is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOSEPH PERROTTE BARNES in our Firm in China CEASES from this Date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

IHAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

IHAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. V. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

IHAVE This Day established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS and BOILERMAKERS, BY

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.
Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,
Hongkong.

W. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

For Sale.

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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

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To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

THE



MAIL.

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Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

HONGKONG JOE COMPANY.

ON and after This Date the PRICE of our JOE will be TWO CENTS per Pound.

KYLE & BAIN,

Proprietors.

ICE House,

January 21, 1878.

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G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER

MAUFACTURERS,

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

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W. BALL,

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REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES

AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,

and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

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Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSUR-

ANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878.

In Accordance with a Resolution passed

at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-

ING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have

declared a Dividend to Shareholders of

Taels 49.50 per Share for the fiscal Year

ending the 30th September, 1877, and a

further Dividend of Taels 10.50 per Share,

being interest on Shareholders' Capital at

the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for

the quarter ending December, 1877.

The above Dividends (Taels 60 per Share)

will be Payable on the 15th Instant, at the

Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders

of the 10th Instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Association

will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 16th

Instant, Inclusive.

Persons collecting Dividends for absent

Shareholders are requested to exhibit their

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *OCEANIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. ja25

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Galley of Lorne* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Original Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless notice be given before Noon to-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. *Galley of Lorne*.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878. ja23

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark *VEGA*, Nordwedd, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POURY,
Agent.

Ex "Sind," Mr. G. K. Harman, 1 case Cricketing H.M.S. Mosquito, Goods, from London. Hongkong, January 17, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th instant at Messrs. Dodd & Co.'s Office, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd & Co. will be Liquidated by arrangement and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND PRE be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
Dodd & Co.
Amoy, January 14, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE POUNDS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th instant, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Volume Sixth of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.
No. III.—Vol. VI.
—OF THE—

CHINA REVIEW
CONTAINING—

Imperial Confucianism.

A Visit to the Country of Gentlemen.

The Rhymes of the Shikings.

Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.

The Tang Kou Chi.

Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiang.

Translations of Chinese School-books.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

On Silk-worms.

Native Literature on Chinese Porcelain.

A Chinese Advertisement.

Studies of Words.

Distillation in China.

A Chinese Coin.

The Desert of Gobi.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. ja25

To-day's Advertisements.

A MATURE THEATRICALS IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES.

"STILL WATERS RUN DEEP" will be presented at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

Thursday Evening,
the 31st Instant, Commencing at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained from any of the Committee on and after THURSDAY, January 24th.

TICKETS.....TWO DOLLARS EACH.

COMMITTEE: Commander Sir WILLIAM WISEMAN, B.N. Captain MOORE-LANS, 28th Regiment. JOHN M. FORBES, Jun.

ATWELL COXON.

CHAS. C. COHEN.

EDWARD TORIN,
Honorary Treasurer.

Hongkong, January 22, 1878. ja25

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

Danish bark *Assens*, 236, hence to Dunkirk, £1.15 per ton of 50 ft.

French bark *Sophie D.*, 758, Ilo Ilo to

Chowan for orders to a port in the United Kingdom or to New York or Boston, private.

German bark *Ferdinand*, 416, Chefoo to Swatow 19 cents per picul, or to Amoy for orders 21 cents per picul, 20 lay days.

German bark *Ceres*, 420, Chefoo to Swatow 19 cents per picul, or to Amoy for orders 21 cents per picul, 20 lay days.

German bark *Helene*, 372, hence to Chefoo and back 24 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

German bark *Humboldt*, 830, Shanghai to Tientsin and back to Swatow via Newchwang 60 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

American bark *Ada Wiswell*, 656, Salagon to Callao, £1,500 in full.

British steamer *Charlton*, Haiphong to Hongkong, private.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Formosa, German 8-m, schooner, Capt. Schwerer.—Melchers & Co.

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dicks.—Melchers & Co.

ADELINA & MARIANNE, German barque, Captain O. N. Dahl.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemna.—Melchers & Co.

MARIA, British steamer, Capt. J. H. Broker.—Siemens & Co.

ABERNYTHE, British barque, Captain Conquoré.—Order.

ZANEDAR, British steamer, Captain Gardener Fox.—Captain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 21, *Date*, British steamer, 654, J. Thompson, Haiphong Jan. 18, and Hothow 20, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Jan. 22, *Chun Tung*, Chinese R. C., from a cruise.

Jan. 22, *India*, German barque, 1000, Dirksen, Hamburg Aug. 28, General—MELCHERS & Co.

Jan. 22, *Tenxin*, British steamer, 682, Deville, Shanghai Jan. 18, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Jan. 22, *Edward P. Bowes*, British barque, Evans, from Cardiff.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 22, *Nama*, for Coast Ports.

CLEARED.

Samos, for New York.

Clava, for Swatow.

Vicomte Moulouy, for Trieste.

Marela, for Salagon.

Montiara, for Singapore.

ARRIVED.

Per *Pale*, from Haiphong and Hothow, 1 European and 37 Chinese.

Per *Tientsin*, from Shanghai, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Nomea*, for Swatow, Mrs. Barrows; for Amoy, Mr. Godfrey; for Foochow, Mr. N. M. Khamisa and 2 Chinese Ladies.

To DEPART.

Per *Maria*, for Saigon, 110 Chinese.

SHIPPIING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Dale* reports: Strong monsoon throughout. Passed S. S. *Conquest* on the 18th, six hours steaming from Haiphong. S. S. *Abay* was at Hothow when we left. Passed S. S. *Holyrood* and *Charlton*, 5 miles East of Hainan Head.

The British steamer *Tiensin* reports: Experienced moderate fresh N.W. wind and fine weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA, HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.

Per *Galley of Lorne*, at 2.50 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS by the UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanus* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. ja25

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *TIGRE* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 24th Inst. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Paid to Galle only*; they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 23rd Inst.—

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th Inst.—

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878. ja24

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *Mirrapore*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 31st instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 30th instant.—

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 31st instant.—

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

of the *Audacious*, which despite the absence of music, was so well and sweetly sung that he had to make a second appearance and acquitted himself if anything better than before. Mr Woodford won a well-merited encore; in fact, encores were the order of the day, or rather night. We noticed that a great improvement has been made in the platform. The meeting separated a few minutes before 11 o'clock.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the Office of the Company, Hongkong, 26th January:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the usual half-yearly Statement of Accounts to the 31st December last.

The amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after paying running expenses, premium of insurance, salaries, repairs and a fine of \$4,000 imposed on the *Kinshun* for over-carrying passengers, is \$38,018.16, from which the Directors recommend the distribution of a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 3 per cent on the paid Capital, which will absorb \$18,000, and the appropriation of \$2,500 as Directors' remuneration, leaving \$17,518.16 to be carried forward to new Account. Considering that the state of affairs on the river has not improved, but that, on the contrary, rates of freight have been still lower than at the date of the last report, the Directors trust that the result of the half-year's working will be viewed as not unsatisfactory.

The circumstances attending the action of the Police Authorities against the *Kinshun* for carrying passengers in excess of the number allowed by the "River Steamers Ordinance," have become known through the public papers. The Directors have addressed a petition to His Excellency the Governor, praying for remission of the heavy fine inflicted on the Company, and a favourable reply is confidently expected.

The *White Cloud* has been remasted and has had her machinery and boilers overhauled at a cost of about \$9,000, of which the sum of \$2,349.05 has been paid and included in the accounts now presented. The *Kinshun* is now laid up to be fitted with a new piston and to have her machinery and boilers overhauled. All the other Steamers are in good order.

The Directors have applied for and obtained an allotment of 100 Bonds of the Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877, thus raising the Company's funds invested in Chinese Bonds to \$93,401.44 as shown in the statement.

Mr. A. Moiver and the Hon. W. Keswick are absent from the Board on leave. Mr. F. B. Johnson has accepted a seat at the Board at the invitation of the Directors, which act requires confirmation by the Shareholders.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs. H. Smith and L. Hausschild, offer themselves for re-election.

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1878.

Canton.

(From a Correspondent.)

The 29th annual Meeting of the "Medical Missionary Society in China" was held in Canton, at the house of Messrs. Oliphant & Co., on Thursday, January 17th, 1878. Present: Sir Brooks Robertson, C.B., in the Chair; C. P. Lincoln, Esq., U. S. Consul; J. McLeavy Brown, Esq., Commissioner of Customs; Venble Archdeacon Gray, L.L.D.; Rev. Dr. Happer; Rev. John Chalmers, M.A.; Rev. T. H. Graves, M.D.; Rev. George Piercy; Rev. T. Sampson, F. R. Talbot, T. B. Cunningham and Gideon Nye, Esquires; Rev. E. Faber; Rev. Henry Parkes; Rev. F. Hubrig; Rev. B. C. Henry; Rev. J. Gibson; Rev. Mr. Dukes; Rev. Mr. Friend; Rev. Mr. Eichler; Rev. Mr. Jackson; Rev. Mr. Ridges; Dr. F. Wong; H. R. Maynard, Esq.; and Dr. Carrow, the Secretary.

The usual annual Reports of the Surgeon in charge of the Hospital, including one of the outlying Dispensaries, were presented; but two other Country Stations are still to be included before full publication of the Report for the year. The data already furnished, however, suffices to show a gratifying increase in the attendance of the people and the consequent enlargement of the circle of the benevolent action that it is the purpose of the Society to extend partly with the natural development of its system and the increase of pecuniary contributions to its means. The past year's experience furnishes an illustration of this working of the system and, consequently, a vote was taken on this occasion to increase the estimate of expenses for the current year by the sum of \$185. The increase of attendance at Canton and one out-station alone last year, over that of 1876, was about 2,500.

The Board of Officers was re-elected with the exception of the following changes. The election of William van Pustau, Esq., in place of Mr. Cordes, who has retired to Europe; of the Rev. George Piercy; and of T. B. Cunningham, Esq.; as Vice Presidents; and the omission of the name of the late Mr. Preston from that category.

The extraordinary features of the Meeting were the presentation of Resolutions and addresses consequent on the death of Mr. Preston, who as a Vice President, Member of the Standing Committee, and Preacher in the Chapel, had rendered great service to the Society.

Another was the circumstance of the presiding of Sir Brooks Robertson for the last time, prior to his permanent departure from Canton and his consequent leave-taking. Upon which, Rev. Dr. Happer and Mr. Consul Lincoln gave expression to the general sense of the Meeting, and Sir Brooks in reply recalled his long connection with the Society and expressed his continued sympathy with its purposes, adding that the general cause of Missions here is in good hands, and that he was cognizant of the recognition of that fact by the higher native Authorities.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir JOHN SMITH.)

Jan. 22, 1878.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Regina v. *On Aya*.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing \$3 from the person of Eman Djen, a fireman

on board the steamer *Carisbrooke*, on the 26th December last.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillippe, instructed by Mr. Sharp, Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute.

The following Jury was empanelled:—Messrs. H. G. James, H. C. Baillie, H. J. Clipperton, W. Wheeler, D. Macleod, W. S. Bamsey and Fritz Rapp.

The prosecutor came ashore to make purchases and had his pocket picked by the prisoner, who was caught while running away. The prisoner was found guilty and was sent to two years' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Loong Awah pleaded guilty to larceny on board a ship in the harbour and to two previous convictions. He was sent to two years' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Taoi Aleung, a youth of 17, was brought up for stealing \$20.63 from the dwelling-house of a hawker. The prisoner pleaded guilty, saying that he took the money in order to send it home to his mother. In consideration of his youthful appearance, the prisoner was sent to 18 months' hard labour.

BREACH OF CONDITIONAL PARDON.

Regina v. *Ng Akow*.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to a breach of his conditional pardon. He was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the 18th January 1875, and was pardoned on the 19th September 1876, on condition of his not returning to the Colony. He was, however, caught here on the 28th December last.

It appeared that the prisoner was kept in the custody of the Police from 29th December to the 12th January last, without being taken before the Magistrate.

The Chief Justice asked why the prisoner was kept so long in the Police cell without being taken before the Magistrate. This was a constitutional question.

The Attorney General:—Yes, my Lord. His Lordship said the prisoner, he found, was arrested on the 29th December last, and was not brought before the Magistrate until the 12th January, so that he was kept for 14 days in the Police cell.

The Attorney General:—It is so, my Lord.

The Chief Justice observed that he did not know what sort of a place the Police cell was, whether it was better than the cells in the gaol. Was there anybody here who could say anything about that?

Inspector Horspool said the Police cell was quite open.

The Chief Justice:—What is it open to the weather—open to the wind and rain beating in?

Inspector Horspool replied that it was; there was nothing but an iron gate.

The Court: And he was kept there all this time exposed to the inclemency of the weather at this time of the year. Desire Mr Creagh to be sent for.

When Mr Creagh arrived, the Chief Justice told him that a man who pleaded guilty to a breach of conditional pardon had, his Lordship, found, been detained in the Police cell from 29th December to 12th January, and on enquires, it was found that the cell was quite open to the air, and the man had therefore been exposed to the inclemency of the weather at this time of the year.

Mr Creagh said the cells were open; there was no means of closing them.

His Lordship said he put it to Mr Creagh whether this was a proper place to keep a man, exposed as he was, to the inclemency of the weather at this time of the year, and for 14 days. He asked if it was a humane thing to do.

Mr Creagh replied that that was the only place they had; prisoners were always confined there, and no one complained.

His Lordship said it might be that there was no complaint because people would not complain. But why was the man kept so long there without being tried, and every person in the custody of the Police was presumed to be innocent until he was convicted. The detention of the man for 14 days was an excess of authority.

Mr Creagh said he had an authority for doing that.

The Chief Justice said he could not have a competent authority; nothing short of an ordinance of this Colony could be an authority to him.

Mr Creagh observed that he had instructions from the Government.

His Lordship asked why a man who was supposed to be innocent had been kept so long without being tried.

Mr Creagh replied that he had instructions from the Government not to prosecute offenders of that kind without authority of the Government.

The Chief Justice: If you do not prosecute them, why do you detain them?

Mr Creagh said when a man was arrested for that offence, his case would be communicated to the Government at once by him by an immediate letter, and in this case the man was prosecuted as soon as the authority was received.

The Chief Justice remarked that it was necessary for all persons arrested by the Police to be detained for a short time, over-night for instance, but they should not be exposed to the inclemency of the weather.

Mr Creagh said the prisoners were provided with covers and blankets.

The Chief Justice observed that he knew what an iron gate was; it was no protection from the wind and rain, and if they happened to come in the direction of the door, he was sure some of the rain would get in, and a Chinaman was more susceptible to the effects than Europeans. He was sure Mr Creagh would not like to be placed there himself.

Mr Creagh replied that nobody would. There used to be a door to the cell, but it was removed when he went on leave, and he supposed this was done with a good reason.

The Chief Justice said he would now state that it was not a fit place for any one to be kept in.

Mr Creagh said he would see and put in a door.

The prisoner was removed, sentence being deferred.

LAWYER AND BREACH OF CONDITIONAL PARDON.

Regina v. *Yung Aya*.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing a bundle of clothes on the 31st December last, the property of Wong Ayow, a woman at Yau Ma Tei, and also with having re-

turned to the Colony in violation of the terms of his conditional pardon.

A point of law was reserved on the indictment of conditional pardon. Sentence was, therefore, deferred.

LARCENY.

Regina v. *Cheung Achin*.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing a box containing clothing and money, the property of one Yow Kwong Po, on the 2nd January last. The prisoner had been sentenced to two years' hard labour on a previous occasion, and he was now sentenced to four years' penal servitude.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor Mr Justice SNOWDEN.)

22nd January, 1878.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Jan. 21, 1878.

Sir,—In your Leader of Saturday last you do an injustice to opponents of Secular Education, of which I crave permission to speak. The Lapps are nomads and migratory, not because they like it, but because their reindeer, on which they are dependent, do. Just when it is getting pleasant in comparatively sheltered nooks and valleys of their dreary region, the reindeer get restless and will be off, and their owners must perform to them. Otherwise, the deer show their perversity by escaping if they can, or by dying if they can't. There were originally, I believe, thirteen in this Aquarium herd, but I could only count seven. They are fed upon "reindeer-moss," the only food they will eat, of which a large supply has been brought over for their benefit; but I understand that little has been spent in keeping any of them alive beyond the winter. But curious as the animals of the party are, the main interest of the exhibition lies in its human interest. Those Lapps are Lapps, or at any rate they are not Irish, as it is said most of the Aztecs, Chippewas, and Nubians have been, at whom London has within these late years, at different times, been staring. Nor are they Chinese, although they have the same yellow complexion and the same long narrow eyes. They have an ancient and fish-like smell, a national odour, which separates them strongly from all other races that have come under my nose. Besides the ways and manners of these specimens are far too simple, awkward, and absurd to be assumed. The shyness of the men, and the complacency of the women under the amused gaze of the spectators, are deliciously shallow and natural. The two men have the same yellow complexion and the same long narrow eyes. They have an ancient and fish-like smell, a national odour, which separates them strongly from all other races that have come under my nose. 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ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1878, at noon, the Company's S. S. TIGRE, Commandant LOMMIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 23rd January, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1878. jas24



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
MIRZAPUR, Captain PARSON, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 31st January,
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will be convoyed from Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.

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spatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

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Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
6 p.m. of the 21st January. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcels Packages
above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

Intimations.

IN THE GOODS OF
GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Patent Slip Proprietor and Ship-builder, who died at Victoria aforesaid on the 30th day of October, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, Probate whereof was granted to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, of Victoria aforesaid, Esquire, the Executor thereon named by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 8th day of November, 1877, are hereby required to send, in writing, the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, at the office of the said WM. HENRY BRERETON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of May, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last mentioned day, the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will proceed to distribute the assets of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES shall then have had notice; and that the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whom the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES shall not have had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878.

WM. H. BRERETON,
Solicitor for the said
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES.

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SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND
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Hongkong, March 19, 1878. moh9

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Hongkong, January 4, 1878. fsl

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NOTICE.

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September 18, 1877.

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